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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Special Operations
Assistant Director for Policy Coordination
Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT : Awards and Decorations

1. The Director has considered the problem of awards and decorations for civilian employees of CIA and has stated the following policy:

a. Military medals are the responsibility of military field commanders and should be recommended and awarded by such commanders in accordance with Defense Department policies and regulations.

b. Assistant Directors may recommend, upon appropriate occasions, the awards of the Medal of Freedom and the Medal of Merit. Such recommendations, when adequately supported and approved by the Director, will be submitted to the President as required by existing law and policy.

2. It is the opinion of the Director that recommendations for awards of civilian medals should be relatively rare, particularly in the case of the Medal of Merit which should be recommended only under very exceptional circumstances.

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